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## ***Kiowa County Law Enforcement Center Receives USDA Rural Development Funding***

### **Ceremonial Check presented to Kiowa County Commission**

**Topeka, KS** – USDA Rural Development State Director Chuck Banks yesterday announced \$2.205 million in USDA *Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program* funding to the Kiowa County Commission for repair and renovation of the Kiowa County Detention Center that was heavily damaged by an EF-5 tornado that struck Greensburg on May 4, 2007.

State Director Banks commented during the check presentation, "The reconstruction of this County long-term recovery project will serve the public safety of the community. Such public facilities are essential for the redevelopment of Greensburg and Kiowa County."

Kiowa County Commission Chairman Gene West remarked during the funding announcement, "The County greatly appreciates USDA Rural Development's continued assistance to help the area's recovery following the May 4, 2007 tornado. We look forward to working with the Agency on other future projects."

The total cost of the Center project will be approximately \$3,175,000, with \$2,205,000 from USDA Rural Development's *Community Facilities Programs* and \$970,000 coming from other sources. USDA funding consists of a Community Facilities Loan of \$300,000 and Community Facilities Grant of \$1,905,000. Other financing sources for the project include, insurance proceeds, FEMA, KDEM, and Kiowa County.

USDA Rural Development's *Community Facilities Programs* are designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, courthouses, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue facilities and equipment, police and emergency vehicles and services, community centers, public buildings and transportation.

State Director Banks also thanked the Kansas Congressional Delegation for their continued support of the Agency's *Community Facilities Programs*, along with the many other USDA Rural Development programs. "Over the past eight years, the Agency's *Community Facilities Programs* have assisted over 600,000 rural Kansans and contributed \$36.2 million in added community development to the Sunflower State's economy," said Banks

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